(c) if so, what are the reasons for reduction in the number of scheduled trips on the above routes and what steps are being taken to restore the reduced trips so as to improve the situation?

THE MINISTER OF SURFACE TRANSPORT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI K. P. UNNIKRISHNAN): (a) to (c) The number of trips scheduled per day for the routes are as below :-

Route No.	January, 88	27-2-90
603 . . .	60	56
640 . . .	43	38
Route No.	**May, 87**	**27-2-90**
623 . . .	72	60
641 . . .	48	36
Route No.	**July, 87**	**27-2-90**
660 . . .	72	48

(d) and (e) The statistics regarding exact number of commuters undertaking bus journey from various stops are not maintained by Delhi Transport Corporation. The existing trips from Vasant Vihar however cater to the requirements so that no commuter is left out at the bus stop. The Delhi Transport Corporation with its available number of buses has to meet the needs of entire city and trips are scheduled in such a way that the requirements are met to the maximum. The augmentation of its fleet is done every year. In 1988-89, 475 buses have been acquired. In the current year acquisition of 566 buses is on the anvil

Iran's protest against Incidents in Jammu and Kashmir

140. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH;
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that his visit to Iran, scheduled for January 29, 1990 was called off by Iran in protest against recent incidents in Jammu & Kashmir;

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) whether Government propose to review its diplomatic relation with Iran?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) and (b) The Fifth Session of the Indo-Iranian Joint Commission, at Ministerial level, was scheduled to take place in Tehran on January 29, 1990. The decision to defer the Joint Commission meeting was mutually arrived at by both sides, due to our preoccupation with the elections in India, and Iranian Government's preoccupation with the anniversary celebrations of the Islamic Revolution.

(c). Does not arise.

Khalsa Panchayats

141. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH;
DR. RATNAKAR PANDEY:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the formation of Khalsa Panchayats on the 2nd February, 1990 at the Manji Sahib Dewan Hall of the Golden Temple, Amritsar to run parallel Government at village levels in the whole Punjab; and

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) and (b) The Government are aware of an announcement

made in this regard by the AISSF (Manjeet) at Amritsar on Feb., 2, 1990 According to the Government of Punjab it could not elicit substantial public support. The State Government are keeping a close watch on the situation with a view to taking appropriate action as and when required.

Evacuation of IB Officials in Kashmir

142. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Central Government had taken a decision on the 14th January, 1990 to evacuate the families of the Intelligence Bureau officials posted in Kashmir Valley;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(c) what is the number of such families that have been evacuated so far?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Searches by para-military forces in J&K

143. CHOWDHRY HARI SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that paramilitary forces had conducted searches of homes, hiding places and shelter places of suspected terrorists in Jammu and Kashmir from 1st January 1990 to 15th February, 1990; and

(b) if so, what is the outcome thereof?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI MUFTI MOHAMMAD SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) About 100 suspected sub-versive elements have been apprehended Some amount of arms and ammunition have also been seized.

Complaints about alleged misconduct by Indian Council General in U.S.A.

144. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI ASHWANI KUMAR:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints from Indian expatriates settled in the USA regarding misconduct of the Indian Consul General in New York for allegedly abusing his position; and

(b) whether Government have got the complaints looked into; if so, the finding thereof and the action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The matter is under verification.

Recent initiative by Pakistan for talks on Kashmir

145. SHRI K. V. THANGKABALU: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to news item which appeared in the Hindustan Times' dated 22nd February, 1990 to the effect that Pakistan is willing to initiate talks on Kashmir; and

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government's response was made known through a statement issued by the Official Spokesman on 23-2-1990. A copy of the statement is laid on the table.

Statement

We have seen the Pakistan Prime Minister's statement of February 21 where she indicates that Pakistan is